



POLICY ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONE)

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Section 1. Commitment

It is the policy of US Youth Soccer to provide an environment for its youth soccer players. Therefore, the use of unmanned aircrafts are not to be at activities of events of US Youth Soccer for youth soccer players. As an organization committed to providing a developmental, healthy, and safe environment, US Youth Soccer recognizes that the safety of its youth players is paramount. It is the responsibility of the Competition Authority of US Youth Soccer events to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

Section 2. Definitions

- (1) “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” (UAS) an aircraft which is intended to operate and its associated element which are operated with no pilot on board or can fly autonomously based on pre-programmed flight plans or more complex dynamic automation systems.
- (2) “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of US Youth Soccer.
- (3) “Event” means any event or meeting of US Youth Soccer, including but not limited to, the National Championships, Regional Championships, National Presidents Cup, Regional Presidents Cups, ODP regional and sub-regional camps, and interregional events, ODP National Championships, regional and National League competitions, the Workshops, annual general meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and committee meetings.

Section 3. Prohibitions

(a) The use of non-approved UAS at any event that is sanctioned by US Youth Soccer is strictly prohibited.

(b) The use of UAS at US Youth Soccer Events may be approved by US Youth Soccer (1) for a specified promotional activity at an Event, and (2) in a designated area or areas that are away from youth soccer players, spectators and over any field of play or practice.

Section 4. Enforcement

(a) Any person violating Section 3. of this policy shall be immediately removed from the Event by the US Youth Soccer authority managing the Event.

(b) If a person is removed from an Event for a violation of this policy, the party may appeal as provided by Bylaw Article XVII, Section 3 of US Youth Soccer.

Section 4. Modification and Delegation

The Board of Directors may amend and waive provisions of this policy as appropriate on a case-by-case basis and may delegate its authority.